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Southern Ute Special Election fills vacant Tribal Council seat

Southern Ute Indian Reservation – On Friday, October 30, 2020 the Southern Ute Indian Tribe held the 2020 Special Election and on Monday, November 2, 2020 the Southern Ute Election Board presented the certified results. Vanessa P. Torres secured support with 105 while candidates Marty M. Pinnecoose with 100 votes and Corliss M. Taylor with 89 votes.

Torres has dedicated over 11 years to tribal court judicial system in positions as the Wellness Court Case Manager/Senior Probation Officer, Probation Officer, and Southern Ute Tribal Court Clerk. She also worked as the Senior Property Shift Manager at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

"Thank you all who voted for the Special Election. I am deeply grateful and humbled for given an opportunity to be a voice for the people. Let's continue to work together for a successful future for the Tribe and the membership," said Torres.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, hunting, fishing, motorcycling, reading, and participating in cultural events. She is married and shares one daughter.

"I look forward to working with the new Tribal Council Member. We are continuing working diligently for the tribe and the tribal membership involving all four tribal entities. Welcome aboard!" stated Chairman Christine Sage.

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